

Mother Goose Asks “Why?”

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Parents Forum

Parental Involvement Improves Student Achievement by the National Education Association:

When parents are involved in their children's education at home, they do better in school. And when parents are involved in school, children go farther in school-and the schools they go to are better.

Parents want and need information about what's happening in their child's classroom and how they can help. Some parents and families are able to be involved in many ways. Others may only have time for one or two activities. Whatever your level of involvement, do it consistently and stick with it because you will make an important difference in your child's life.

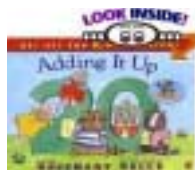
Involvement can mean:

- >Reading to your child
- >Checking homework every night
- >Discussing your children's progress with teachers
- >Voting in school board elections
- >Helping your school to set challenging academic standards
- >Limiting TV viewing on school nights
- >Becoming an advocate for better education in your community and state

It can be as simple as asking your children, “How was school today?” Ask your child that same question everyday. That will send your children the clear message that their school-work is important to you and you expect them to learn.

Book Corner

Adding It Up: Based on Timothy Goes to School by Rosemary Wells



Come along with Timothy, Yoko, and the rest of Mrs. Jenkins's class and learn about math. This interactive picture activity book teaches children about counting to twenty, shapes and patterns, and simple addition and subtraction. Also included are activities on measurement, ordinal numbers, and number awareness.

Puddle Pail by Elisa Kleven



Ernst, the little blue crocodile and his brother Sol save all kinds of things. Sol encourages his brother to start his own collection. Ernst does not want to collect rocks, or rubber bands; he has his eyes on bigger things like clouds and stars. Knowing that is impossible, he settles on things somewhat more earthly. This book refers to one of the books in *You Can Count on Mother Goose-The Button Box*.

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Amazing Website

Rhode Island Parent Information Network

www.ripin.org

Welcome to the Rhode Island Parent Information Network website. This site is being developed with parents and providers in mind. This website provides you with the information, resources, links and opportunities for support and education that will help you become a better advocate for the child or children in your care.

Reading: Reading with your child rates up there close to love. Reading from birth contributes to your child's well being in multiple ways. Here are just a few:

1. **Closeness**— Even though your infant cannot yet understand the meaning of your words as you read, he can understand the rhythm of your voice, the closeness as you hold him and the colors that dance before his eyes as you hold the book close and turn the pages. The physical closeness of holding your child, and the quiet and peaceful sharing of a book is a special bond that keeps the two of you close.
2. **Language**—Language is developed more thoroughly by reading to your infant or toddler. New words are learned as the words we read are different from the words used in our every day conversation. The rhythm and flow of the written word builds connections in your baby's brain that will increase her ability to remember and use new words.
3. **Reading**—Reading together for 15 minutes a day creates a reader. Readers enter school ready to learn, readers have knowledge, and knowledge is power. Children never get too old to read with you or as a family activity.

Calendar of Events

Rhode Island School of Design Museum

Holiday Party

Two College Street

Providence, RI 02903

Sunday December 8, 2002

1:00-4:30 pm

This annual event sponsored by the Museums Associates, features music, stories, art activities, a chance to visit with Santa Claus and refreshments. Enjoy performances by VOX, Victorian street carolers; Sparky's Puppets; Claire Vadeboncoeur, storyteller; and the Fourth Street String band. This afternoon is free and open to the public.

Story Time at Tyler Free Library, and Foster Public Library:

Positive Preschoolers

Wednesdays 10:30-11:15 a.m.

Tyler Free Library

This storytime for ages 3 to 5 will feature stories, songs, fingerplay, and crafts. Activities will be independent of the caregiver, encouraging social interaction among peers.

Bedtime Stories

All Ages

Foster Public Library

Thursdays 7:00 p.m.

Take the night off and leave the stories to us! Enjoy a good story or two with your child. Jammies OK!

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